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A Message from the President

Delta Sigma Omicron has the good will of the entire University community. Please accept our congratulations for a continually effective program in identifying and interpreting the achievements of your members. Your work is most helpful in the demonstration to others of the value of the University's program and service for physically handicapped students. Cordial greetings and good wishes!

David D. Henry
President
University of Illinois

FOREWORD

As members of Delta Sigma Omicron, disabled students organization at the University of Illinois, we feel that we are truly privileged and indeed fortunate to be able to further our higher education which will enable us to successfully take our places in society. In doing so, however, we realize that we have an obligation and a responsibility to insure this privilege for future disabled students.

Our very presence here makes us living examples for all to witness; what we do determines the opinions others will have of us, and the acceptance those who follow us will have. We do not shy away from this position in the limelight. Instead, we proudly stand for what we represent—the personified idea of what handicapped men and women can do if given the opportunity.

We want to guarantee that those who follow us will be equally accepted among their fellow men as we are today. To insure this we have taken upon ourselves an attitude of service to others by which they will become inspired and encouraged to take their own places in society. It is to this purpose that Sigma Signs is dedicated, and it is by the motto of Delta Sigma Omicron that it is guided.

*To exercise our abilities to a maximum, so as to
minimize our disabilities; that we may
live most and serve best.*

Jim Seybold



A model for the future — the \$2 million dream of SRC

Our Dream for the Near Future

A major proposal in behalf of the University's rehabilitation-education program has been prepared by Prof. Nugent and submitted, through channels, to President David D. Henry. The details of this comprehensive report are not known to the editors of Sigma Signs. This plan has been under consideration by President Henry's Student Rehabilitation Center Advisory Committee for several months. One aspect of the proposal concerns a hoped-for new facility for the rehabilitation-education program — a new rehabilitation-education center.

During the past year, Prof. Fred Miles, Department of Architecture, Donald G. Courteau, graduate architect, and students in architectural design prepared several blueprints and models depicting the center as proposed. With President Henry's permission, these models and blueprints were displayed at this year's annual DSO banquet.

Our dream for the future includes an administrative wing, a counseling wing, and a physical therapy wing. The counseling wing will provide adequate office space for our own counseling staff, for professional students and interns in counseling, and special counseling rooms. The center's therapy area will include space for physical therapy, functional therapy and equipment. There will be a medical suite for our consultants in Orthopedics, Neurology, Urology, and general medicine as well as an office for a medical supervisor.

Also attached to the physical therapy unit will be a special room for passive therapy, exams and a special control lab for biological research.

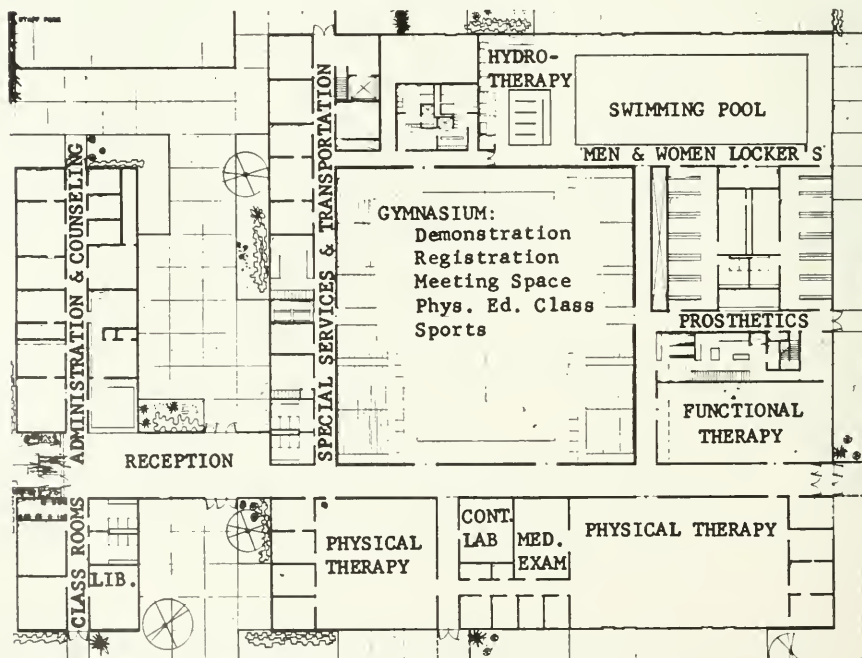
A functional therapy room includes model toilets, showers, bathtubs, beds (such as found in dormitories and hotels), model cars, curbs, kitchens, and many other items for use in functional training. Adjacent to this will be a prosthetic equipment and research room. This room will house all of our special braces and adapted devices, wheelchairs for athletic participation, replacement parts for chairs and braces, and research and development in prosthetics. It will also house a wheelchair and brace repair shop, which is essential on this campus.

Adequate dressing rooms and showers, in this dream for the future, will replace the two small rooms now shared by students and staff. Nearby will be a swimming pool and special hydrotherapy pool. The present blueprint provides sliding doors to make this an indoor-outdoor pool.

In the heart of the dreamed of Center is a gymnasium. In addition to being used for wheelchair basketball, square dancing, and other athletic events, it will also be used for registration, orientation and other meetings involving large numbers of our students. In-service training programs, demonstrations and lectures will also use this room.

The corridor next to the gym will be occupied by offices for special services, transportation. Executive committees of DSO and student activity offices.

Floor-plan for the Dream. This is a possible plan designed by the University Department of Architecture





Amid the mud and modern residence halls stands the center of a unique rehabilitation program.

With each area of our program, space is allotted to research and professional training of graduate students in disciplines associated with each area of the program. Professional training will be directed by existing departments of the University in cooperation with the Rehabilitation staff.

A library for use by our students and professional students is also a part of our dream. This library will deal with information of a professional-vocational nature in career planning for the physically handicapped.

It is hoped that the speech and hearing clinics will be attached to this dreamed of Center so that we might interchange professional services and facilities, although present administrative systems would be followed.

We know that the facilities which have housed the University Rehabilitation Program for the past 12 years are inadequate. But they have served a purpose and served it well. The program is now housed in remodeled army barracks. Two thousand square feet, at the most, houses counseling, administrative, therapy, special services, transportation, equipment and facilities service. This is office space for seven full time and 13 part time staff members.

Once, our program was a dream. With effort, it became a reality. Now, we dream of this new Center in the hopes that it, too, will become a reality in the near future. Someday soon, we hope that photos of the old barracks will hang on the walls of a new building, dedicated to rehabilitation and education.



Administration and Counseling

The Staff - - Guiding Force

The Student Rehabilitation Program has grown immensely in the last twelve years. One of the most vivid illustrations of this fact is that the staff, once consisting of Tim Nugent, now consists of 21 persons. Each has his job to do in order to make the program function as smoothly as possible. Directing the education of 165 students, providing transportation to and from classes, campus events and church, supervising therapy, keeping records, guiding recreation, and conducting research are only some of the tasks in the daily routine of these people.

The staff is directed by Timothy J. Nugent, director, co-ordinator, and "Great-White-Father" to the program. Tim's duties range from attending conferences in Washington, D. C., or talking to someone in Springfield about money, to fixing chairs or giving one of his students a fatherly talk. The administration staff is completed by Mrs. Marietta Kirkwood and Mrs. Jan Paulik. These two act as receptionists, typists, secretaries, dispatchers, and anything else where efficiency and tact are necessary.

Special Services



Therapy





Transportation, Equipment and Facilities



Research

Counseling is furnished all students. Dean Trembly heads the counseling team. He is assisted by Tom Rickard, special counselor for the blind. Since he is blind, Tom knows the problems that a blind student meets. Joe Ganns, a graduate of Tim's program, is another assistant. Both psychological testing methods and plain common sense are used in the program.

The physical well-being of the students is furthered by the therapy staff. Supervised by Charles Elmer, a four-year veteran of the rehabilitation program, the program provides more than just exercise for the students. Relaxation, to some degree, and promotion of self-assurance are aided by Chuck and his three assistants, George Niva, Ed Theoret, and Bob Salerno.

Transportation day and night, weekday and Sunday, to all parts of the campus and many parts of Champaign-Urbana, is provided by the transportation section. Headed and co-ordinated by Fay Fergusson, the transportation and equipment department is one of the busiest. Driving the bus, repairing game chairs, and running errands for the rest of the staff are some of the day's work done by Fergie's assistants, Don Kiest, Dan Leinbach, and Stuart Posselt.

Research, one of the newest divisions of the program, is directed by Tim. Working with him are Ron Stein, and Gail Orlopp, research secretary. Like other members of the staff, Ron and Gail perform double duty in other aspects of the program in addition to their research work.

The Special Service section, headed by Kenneth (Casey) Clarke, is probably the most versatile single division of the program. It would take a book to list the duties of this department. Some of its projects, however, are football, baseball, basketball, bowling, square-dancing, and anything else concerning activities of the students on the program. Casey, Lynwood (Sam) Graft, Bob (Mac) McAdams, and Dr. Echo D. Pepper work long hours keeping the special service gears meshing and not messing.

This, then, is the staff which keeps the Student Rehabilitation Center at the University of Illinois progressing.

Jan Little



A flag lowering at the end of a picnic signified the curtain rising on a new life for freshmen

A Freshman Sees the U. of I.

Between one and three o'clock on a hot September afternoon, we came straggling into the University of Illinois Student Rehabilitation Center. There were sixty of us . . . all physically handicapped and all green as grass.

After short interviews, we were free for the rest of the day to familiarize ourselves with our new dormitory quarters. Looking ahead that night, we realized we had just eight short days to adjust to a way of life entirely different from that most of us had known.

Starting our orientation period was the meeting at Latzer Hall with the Rehabilitation Center staff; and later came mathematic placement tests, films, informal talks, English placement exams, more talks, more tests, more exams . . .

The alumni came to our rescue the first Sunday we were here. At a picnic at Hessel Park in Champaign, we were together for the first time for pure fun. What could disabled students do but talk and look at one another we wondered. We found out. We managed to play a little volleyball, basketball, football, badminton, and baseball. All of this combined with a chicken dinner and a friendly atmosphere gave us much to think about. What would life be like here? Something different than before, we felt.

Memories . . . memories. The whirlwind tours through buildings on campus. The feeling of significance given to us by President Henry's speech in Huff Gymnasium . . . the many wheeled miles during registration with repetitious and confusing I. B. M. cards . . . *after you have completed number three card begin filling out . . . unless in which case . . . however, please exchange number three for number 16 at station 14 . . .*



While some played volleyball . . .



others took to the lake

that's right, 14 for three at station 16 . . . the blue card, and proceed . . . and always, Tim Nugent . . . these are indelibly imprinted on our minds.

A lot more things happened as the eight days wheeled on. But these were personal memories, things that can only be felt by the person and never told.

Orientation's end brought with it an outing to Lake Springfield as guests of Hall-Hagler Chapter 15 of the Disabled American Veterans. Older students swelled our ranks to ninety strong. There were plenty of hungry students when we arrived. The D. A. V. Auxiliary handled this with a satisfying luncheon.

After lunch, on to the docks for boat rides, the order of the day. Outboards, inboards, speed boats, and pontoon floats — all were at our disposal. And we used them all. Whether you crashed through the waves at forty knots in high powered craft, or whether the waves crashed over you on the pontoon boats, all had fun.

Later, some of the hardier souls went swimming. Others watched the continuous entertainment in front of the clubhouse. Still others watched comedy time on the water-front, starring Tim Nugent and Chuck Elmer on water skis. Chuck, when he finally came up, kept mumbling something about being tripped by a wave.

Darkness, the lowering of the flag, and dinner brought the day to a close. Well fed, slightly sunburned and in good spirits we sang warm, well-known songs. It felt good . . . this feeling of camaraderie.

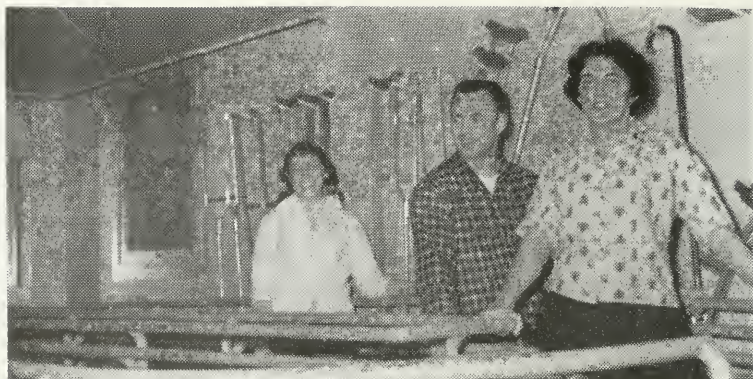
Classes begin tomorrow. This was *our* beginning.

Rudy Frank and Frank Wojcehowicz

The Alumni of the Student Rehabilitation program, now living in this area, will sponsor a picnic for incoming freshman and other SRC students September 11, 1960.

The Disabled Veterans of America, Springfield Chapter, will again sponsor the annual picnic at Springfield Lake. This year, Southern Illinois University students will be invited as well as all disabled students and alumni from the U. of I. This event will be September 18, 1960.

We're looking forward to seeing all our friends there!



Here we go! Round and round the bars increases circulation

Therapy--Training Bodies as Well as Minds

A visit to the therapy area of the Student Rehabilitation Center on most any week day is a visit to a busy workshop. The Supervisor of Therapies, Charles Elmer, and his staff work with an average of nine students every hour. Each person has his own program, developed around individual needs and goals. Two years of therapy are required for all new students, in accordance with university regulations. In addition, therapy is necessary to become acquainted with the student's problems and to help the student prevent as many difficulties as possible.

Therapy is not just a matter of lifting weights, ambulation, stretching muscles, and increasing the range of motion of arms and legs. Nor is it just a routine procedure for learning activities of daily living and caring for prostheses. It is also a workshop in which to solve practical problems that arise inside and outside of university life.

Often, little things make big differences. Once a student learns how

If Jerry falls out of his chair, getting back is no problem



Ten chin-ups! Strong arms are necessary for life at the U of I



George has "toured Europe" three times on the stationary bicycle.





Formula for better living. Throwing a medicine ball leads to better balance which leads to more confidence and easier pushing.

to get into his wheelchair from the ground, one of the fears of falling is removed. Perhaps more important to him is that now he can sit on the ground when he picnics! Crucial dating problems may be solved when others master getting to the girls' dorm. Getting into a theater seat or into the seat of a car may be other essential skills. Some driver training is done.

Problems run the gamut from such unusual situations to the more common needs of learning to operate a cigarette lighter or to unlock and open doors. Even more common and more important to the student are such problems as getting into and out of bed, and on and off a shower seat. Because of lack of facilities, such therapy is often performed at the actual locale.

All obstacles that lie in the way of full participation in life are systematically attacked in therapy. Self-help devices are employed only when absolutely necessary; if a person can learn to perform an activity without a gimmick, why use one? But the work is not all directional—the student himself must be willing to work. The therapy program is most effective when he has a definite goal in mind and the initiative and persistence to reach that goal.

The majority of the 161 students enrolled under the Rehabilitation Program, 112 of whom are in wheelchairs, participate in therapy. Included are: 75 post poliomyelitic students, 36 traumatic paraplegics, 12 traumatic quadriplegics, 16 cerebral palsied, 12 blind students, 8 amputees, and smaller numbers of students with rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, cardiac conditions, arthrogryposis, muscular dystrophy, and epilepsy. There are also students with multiple disabilities such as total blindness with bilateral arm amputation, and paraplegia resulting from spinal bifida with a leg disarticulated at the hip. These students are all living vigorous lives at the University of Illinois.

Therapy is just one facet of the SRC's total program. This is in keeping with the philosophy of the program, that the goals of therapy are no more nor less important than the goals in academic, social, and athletic areas. Participation in all of these helps each student to fully develop his potentialities.



Ron Stein—one of the U of I's top 100 students in activities — make a big gain in a wheelchair football game — proof that it's ability, not disability that counts

Activities - Proof of Ability

When a handicapped student enters the University of Illinois, he breaks out of his small protective shell into the active Illini world. He suddenly discovers that a twenty-four hour day is impossibly short, for into it he must fit studying, classes, campus activities, coke dates, eating, and a few hours of sleep.

The majority of Student Rehabilitation Center (SRC) men live in three dormitories which have a capacity of 1500 residents, while most SRC women have their quarters in four dormitories with an 1100 resident capacity. One married couple, both of whom are in wheelchairs, live in

Swing your partner. There is no limit to the dances this group can do.





The Melo-Dears. Four part harmony for all occasions.



For the girls, cheerleading offers an outlet for excess energy plus a chance to support the Gizz Kids.

a local trailer park. Others live in student-staff housing.

Many of the students who live in dormitories are elected to high positions of responsibility, holding such diverse house offices as president, secretary, treasurer, social chairman, and scholarship chairman. Other house activities include working for the Men's Residence Hall's literary magazine, *Insight*, and serving on various committees. Of course, dorm life isn't all sober responsibility. There are informal get-togethers, dinner exchanges with other houses, choir rehearsals, music hours, and camera club meetings. And if these ever become boring, there is the ever-present need to study.

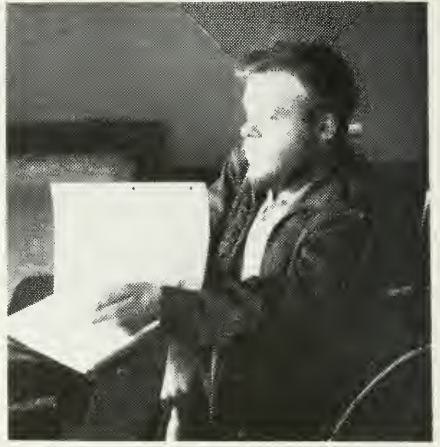
On the large U. of I. campus, which boasts an average of 20,000 students, there are many activities to interest a student. One SRC boy is on Student Senate, and another is very active and influential in other campus political organizations. Others are members of the University Choir and Glee Club. A freshman is a night photo editor for the campus newspaper and a photographer for the yearbook. His pictures have appeared in several Mid-West newspapers, including the Chicago Daily News, the Chicago Sun-Times, and the Milwaukee Journal. Besides being active as a photographer and belonging to the Young Republicans Club, he is majoring in medicine. Several students combine their activities with their academic major. A journalism student helps edit and publish the *Spokesman*, a monthly newspaper sponsored by DSO and distributed to Rehabilitation students on campus and elsewhere. One student was among the top 100 seniors in campus activities.

SRC students also participate in activities adapted specifically to them, such as archery, cheerleading, square dancing, basketball, football, track and baseball. The cheerleaders and square dancers tour with the Gizz Kids to other cities, and also perform at home games. Four girls have formed a singing quartet. Another recreation which draws wheelchair students is bowling at the Illini Union. When SRC students tire of doing things requiring work, they attend University plays or concerts, or they may go with the majority of other students to hear guest performers like Errol Garner and Robert Frost.

On this campus the physically handicapped student is accepted by others with no ill-feeling, no awkwardness, and no timidity. He attends classes with everyone else in the same classrooms and laboratories. He is not referred to as "that boy in the wheelchair," but is known as an individual, and is not exempted from any governing rules because of his



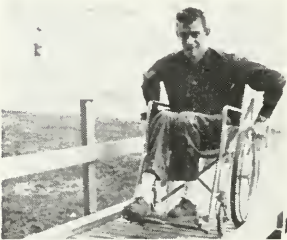
To participate in activities, you have to have a good grade point.



Classes occupy the time between activities.

handicap. The handicapped student is physically independent, and integrated on the campus. Once a wheelchair student comes to the University of Illinois, his wheelchair is forgotten, but his personality and achievements are remembered.

*Bette Jane Henlein
Don Fox*



Ramps provide access to almost all buildings on campus.

These are some of the people on the Rehabilitation program who have proved that social integration is up to the individual. They are members of nationally recognized sororities and fraternities.

Ann Kenward—Delta Delta Delta
Ron Stein—Phi Delta Theta
Bruce Karr—Sigma Nu
Don Zimmerman—Psi Upsilon
Terry Jones—Psi Upsilon
John Fine—Sigma Alpha Mu
Tom Joyce—Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Frank Garrat—Sigma Chi
Carl Faust—Sigma Chi
Ken Viste—Phi Delta Theta

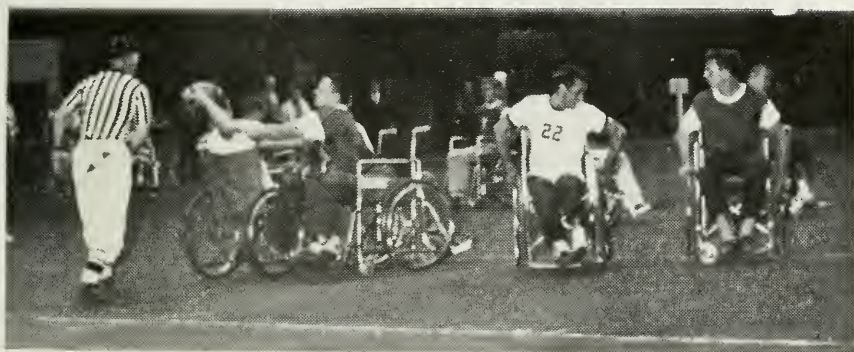
Strike coming up! Ramps, developed here, aid in increasing scores.

The local churches help to sponsor bus service every Sunday.



Sports

Football



Lemke nails Stewart behind the line.

The 1959 season was the greatest in wheelchair football history, especially for the triumphant White Flashes who enjoyed their fourth straight undefeated season against the Blue Streaks. If there ever was a coach's dream team, this was it.

Statistics	Whites	Blues
Game 1—October 3	40	12
Game 2—October 17	35	13
Game 3—October 31	22	0
Game 4—November 7	26	7
Game 5—November 21	43	14
In the Alumni All-Star Game October 24, the Alumni came through and edged us out 13-12. (We still feel that there must have been a mistake made someplace.)		

Operating off a "T" formation, the Whites rolled to a net average of 245 yards gain per game. Quarterback Harry Stewart passed for a phenomenal .640 percentage with an average gain of 11.3 yards per completion, which included 16 touchdowns and 11 extra points. Halfback Ron Stein was by far the leading ground gainer with an average of 50 yards net per game. Captain Bruce Karr, at End, was a leading pass receiver for the season with 24 receptions averaging 54.6 yards per game. Roger Robinson at Blocking Back and Al Antonini and Jerry Kortness in the line rounded out the White's first team with excellent defense and line play. This fact was indicated in that Quarterback Stewart, one mere yard behind the line, was only caught in the backfield twice throughout the whole season.

During the five game series the Whites ran off 293 plays which netted them 375 yards by rushing and 1,224 yards passing. The Blues ran 238 plays and netted 25 yards rushing and 515 passing.

While the Whites operated off end sweeps, trap plays and quick passes, the Blues were stronger than their statistics indicate by using the option play around end to good advantage. Quarterback Dean Nosker and End Ken Lemke teamed up with Tailback Chuck Dutton very effectively off the single wing throughout the season. However, the Whites held the advantage in depth and defense, which made the difference.

With the glory also comes the end of an era. Beginning with the 1960 season next fall, a three team league will be in effect. A new team,



Come on now, Dan, it's not that bad.



Heads Up!

the Red Sparks, has been created, and all teams have been reshuffled to give equal strength based on physical ability on all teams. This has been necessary due to the tremendous growth of the Rehab program, and to assure a place for everyone on the Armory gridiron.

Wheelchair Football is a most popular sport for the male force of the Student Rehabilitation Center. Prior to the season, all aspiring players are put into a draft (similar to the kind used by professional teams) for bidding by the three teams. Points are allotted to each of the three teams and are determined by the number of players lost since last season, the number of games lost last season and an initial number of points given to all teams in case they haven't earned any from losses. Any team can bid for any player up to the number of points allotted to them.

The game itself is played on the dirt floor of the University Armory which is marked off 60 x 30 yards for the six-man teams. To compensate for the short field, the ball must be moved 15 yards instead of the usual 10 for a first down.

Kicks are simulated by passes and tackles require the ball carrier to be touched on the body simultaneously by both hands of the tackler. Tackling is the only time when the use of the hands is legal. Grabbing hold of a wheelchair is illegal except when trying to disengage or prevent falling. Ramming another chair from the rear, side rear (big wheels) is illegal blocking and is considered a clipping penalty.

Any offensive formation may be used as long as a team uses a three-man backfield, one wheelchair depth behind the line. On defense, two men must be on the line at the time of the centering of the ball. All players are eligible receivers, making this game a wide open, highly entertaining sport. All the rigorous competition of able-bodied football is present in this sport, though far more safer. In the twelve years of wheelchair football at Illinois, there has never been an injury requiring more than simple first-aid treatment.

1960 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

October 1
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29
November 5
November 12

All Stars vs Alumni
Whites vs Blues
Blues vs Reds
Reds vs Whites
Whites vs Blues
Blues vs Reds
Reds vs Whites

Jim Seybold

BASKETBALL

Gizz Kids Take Mid-West Crown

Top notch shooting, close teamwork and cool ball handling netted the Illinois Gizz Kids an undefeated season and the Mid-West Conference Championship in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. The vanguard of this victorious team was Ron Stein and Bruce Karr who ranked first and second respectively as top scorers in the conference. Stein, four-time All-American, made more points a game, 23 and 22, than any other player in the Mid-West Conference; again, Karr came in second with 21 points. The following statistics speak for themselves.

MID-WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Gizz Kids	10	0
Black Knights	8	2
Kansas City	5	5
St. Louis	5	5
Cleveland	2	8
Indianapolis	0	10

INDIVIDUAL SCORING AVERAGES MID-WEST CONFERENCE

Rank	Name	Games	F. G.	F. T.	T. P.	Average
1	Stein	8	49	30	128	16.00
2	Karr	9	53	8	114	12.67
9	Caputo	9	22	10	54	6.00
15	Sones	10	23	4	50	5.00
19	Stewart	9	14	10	38	4.22
31	Vecera	9	7	5	19	2.11

From the proceeds of these games and exhibition games, the Gizz Kids have donated over \$3,100 during the 1959-60 season to organizations

Karr breaks through the Knights defense.





Get that ball!

such as the National Paraplegia Foundation, Polio Foundation etc.

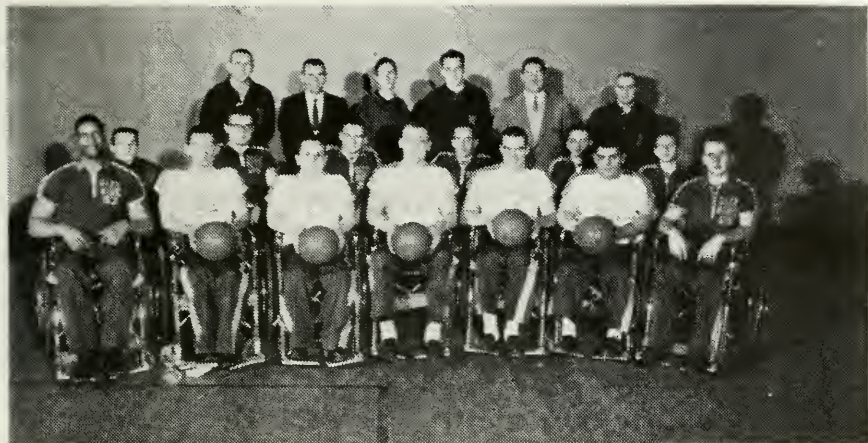
Wheelchair basketball, is most competitive and, in a sense, most important. This activity involves hard work and is time consuming, but the rewards derived from it are by far greater dividends than the effort put into it. Basketball teaches discipline, stimulates the mind, develops the body, molds character, offers travel and presents the opportunity to meet many new and interesting people.

Gizz Kid aspirants will work hard and sweat many hours in developing the skill which will make them proficient and polished players. However, this arduous training is necessary to keep rebuilding the team and keep it in shape to compete in a tough league where opposing teams have been together for over eleven years. The Gizz Kids, on the other hand, have a turnover every four years at best, and each player must maintain a passing scholastic average in the university to remain eligible. The Gizz Kids may start the season as boys, but they will end it as men.

The game is played in 10 minute quarters on a regulation court with slightly modified N. C. A. A. rules, and it is officiated by accredited N. C. A. A. officials. A man is allowed two pushes on his wheelchair with

The Champaign-Urbana Black Knights





Illinois Gizz Kids — Midwest Champs.

one or both of his hands if he has the ball in his possession. Then, he must pass, dribble at least twice, or shoot before he is allowed to push again. More than two pushes constitutes traveling. Finally, 15 seconds instead of 10 are allowed to bring the ball across the center line, and six seconds are allowed in the free throw lane instead of three.

This year a new team was created in Champaign-Urbana. This team, the Black Knights, is composed mainly of former Gizz Kids and U. of I. graduates living in this area. As the statistics show, this alumni team finished second in the Mid-West Conference, dropping both of their only losses to the Gizz Kids.

Members of this club are Wayne "Gigg" Broeren, Chuck Dalmeke, Chuck Donnel, Dean Nosker, Ralph Patzke, Glen Perkins, Don Swift, Jack Whitman, Lee Wise, Ken Wagoner and Ron "Gabby" Young. We, the students at Illinois, welcome these "old men" who have come out of retirement to play again, and offer our congratulations on their successful opening season.

In the 12th National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament at Chanute Air Force Base, a dark veil fell over the Gizz Kids and Black Knights who represented the Mid-West Conference. Both were defeated in their opening games. The Gizz Kids were edged out by the Bulova Watchmakers 31-29 who then went on to knock off the champs of the Southern Conference and finally take a second place trophy in the tourney. The Black Knights were overwhelmed 52-30 by the heavily favored Long Beach Flying Wheels who took the championship.

In spite of this catastrophe, Ron Stein and Wayne Broeren received 21 and 20 votes respectively to give them berths on the second and third All-American teams. This was the fourth time Stein was selected.

There is no joy in Illinois
for the Gizz Kids and the Knights
They tried to take the championship
but it was not theirs by rights
So with bitter tears and heavy hearts
these words of consolation came
It's not the final score that counts
but how you played the game
BUT WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!!!

Jim Seybold



Strike Three

Baseball

The Gizz Kids baseball team took the Armory diamond in its opener just prior to our going to press, beating Sigma Nu in a slug-fest 14-9. Wheelchair baseball is played with the 12" ball, pitched overhand, on a diamond with 40' base lines, with 45' from first to third. Played on the Armory hard dirt surface (same as football) the adaptations mentioned above produce a game with statistics equivalent to that of any baseball game. The Gizz Kids' schedule is composed of challenges from fraternity teams, the Illini Varsity Football Team, and of course the rehabilitation staff. As in basketball when the able bodied opponents are put in wheelchairs, the game produces a lot of fun and a meaningful experience for all concerned.

The outstanding plays at the opening game—Hal Baile's home run, Dan Wachtel's perfect throw from center field to home plate cutting off the runner, clutch pitching of Vince Caputo and Dean Nosker and excellent defense from infielders Harry Stewart, Wayne Broeren, and Jack Whitman — were indicative of the versatility of our athletes.

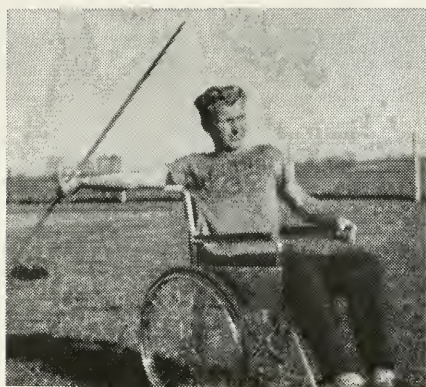
Bowling

Conducted once a week at the Illini Union, wheelchair bowling was again a successful adventure for those who participated. Perhaps diminutive Dave Stafford could set an example for us all. At the beginning of the season he averaged ten to twenty points per game; at the end of the season he had hit over 134 in a single game. Bob Fuss was another example of what practice can do for a bowler whether he is in a chair or not. He too raised his average from about 45 to 50 up to 125 in his first year of bowling.

Besides practice, perhaps the secret of the wheelchair bowlers' success is the small bowling ramp designed by Tim Nugent twelve years ago at the beginning of the program. For a right hand bowler, the ramp is at angles to the right causing the chair to lift accordingly, leaving the right arm to swing freely. The bowler grasps a post on the front left for stability, and thus gains the proper form used by skilled bowlers. This ramp is being further designed to be compact and light weight, allowing it to be picked up and carried off in one's lap.



Stein Class III Champion



Vecera Class I Champion

Track & Field

For the first time, the Gizz Kids have an opportunity to compete in the National Wheelchair Games in New York on June 10-12. (In the three previous years of its existence, the National Games always conflicted with the final exam week.) At these National Games, track and field events such as 60 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 240 yard relay, javelin, shotput, discus, archery, swimming, etc., are conducted in each of three classes. Participants are divided into these classes according to the extent of the disability. Class I is the high lesion traumatic paraplegic (T-10 and above) or a post-polio with comparable disability; Class II is the low lesion traumatic paraplegic (below T-10) or post-polio with comparable disability; Class III as the ambulatory post-polio, amputee, or other comparable disability. Thus, any physically disabled participant is competing against those of a relatively equal handicap.

At this writing, Coach Casey Clarke is planning on a team of 20 to 25 to represent the Student Rehabilitation Center in New York. Among the outstanding members in each class are Frank Vecera, Hal Baile, Bob Barrett of Class I; Paul Sones, Harry Stewart, Anderson McCullough of Class II; Ron Stein and Vince Caputo of Class III. In practice thus far, five individuals have broken nine national records (unofficially of course.) The Gizz Kids squad will get a chance to experience competitive conditions at the Indiana Invitational Wheelchair Track Meet on May 15th — a good “warm-up” for New York.

A Word of Thanks

Track practice has been aided by the Harry Gill Co. and Kenneth Baldwin, manager, who donated track and field equipment to the Student Rehabilitation Center. The Harry Gill Company donated several each of javelin, discus, and shot. This equipment differs in weight from regulation track and field equipment. The shots used weigh eight pounds instead of sixteen. The javelin used is the same as a regulation women's javelin.

So far, the boys have unofficially broken nine national records for wheelchair track and field events.

Our thanks to the Harry Gill Company and Kenneth Baldwin, manager.

Expansion of Facilities for the Blind

The staff of the Student Rehabilitation Center is formulating plans for expanded services for all disabled students in the hoped for new Student Rehabilitation Center of the University of Illinois. This article describes some of the facilities and services that are planned for blind students.

There are very few college textbooks in Braille or recorded form. Those that have been transcribed are in libraries some distance from the University of Illinois campus. The semester is often over by the time the student can obtain his textbook from a Braille library.

In order to minimize these problems, the Student Rehabilitation Center plans a library for Braille and taped materials. Taping stations will be placed at convenient locations on the campus for volunteer readers to record textbooks. A Braille transcribing club will be organized to provide basic texts for the library.

A Webster's College Dictionary, language dictionaries, and special glossaries in technical fields will be placed in the Braille library for easy reference. Relief maps will be provided for geography studies, and maps of the campus will be available to aid in the student's orientation to the campus. Solid, three-dimensional models will be kept in the library for studies in the fields of physiology, botany, and other sciences. A Braille calculator will be ready at all times to help with problems in statistics, physics and mathematics.

We hope to have several reading rooms with typewriters, tape recorders and Braille writers. Storage lockers for Braille notes will be provided for each student in the basement.

One of the inconveniences of lack-of-sight is the increased necessity for storage space. Braille books and notes require approximately 20 times the shelf space of a comparable amount of printed or written material. At present, the blind student must store his notes in the attics or basements of friends and relatives.

The blind student must choose his method of studying. He may choose Braille, tape or a reader depending on the nature of his course work and his own special abilities. For instance, it may be said that a Braille book is the best means for learning German grammar, and tapes or a reader are the best way to learn German conversation, but this may not prove a sound rule for all students. A blind student may not know Braille, or he may not be able to use it because of a second disability. It is important therefore, to provide Braille, taped material, and personal reading services to each blind student according to his need. None of these services can constitute a panacea for all situations.

We already have excellent support from local churches, sororities, and individuals who provide free reading services for our students. A tape library has been started with the help of the Speech Sorority, Theta Phi Eta, and we have collected several Braille books. However, the problem of space is still of major consideration in our temporary quarters. A complete map and Braille library must wait until the necessary funds are raised for a new Student Rehabilitation Center.

Tom Rickard

U. of I.--A Guide for Others

A Pattern for Others

The University of Illinois Student Rehabilitation Center is again the center of nationwide attention. The U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is financing visits to the campus by representatives of colleges from various parts of the country in order to encourage their participation in similar programs.

First visitors were from the University of Missouri. The group consisted of the director and assistant director of the testing and counseling service, director of university housing, director of health service, manager of the physical plant, consulting architect, a professor of physical education, and a professor of education.

They toured the campus with Mr. Nugent on one of the SRC busses, met with members of his staff, consulted with others of the Illinois staff, and visited housing and other facilities. Climax of the day was a basketball game between the Gizz Kids and the Black Knights, alumni of the rehabilitation program.

A Daily Illini Editorial

Many words of commendation are in order for Delta Sigma Omicron, the University's disabled students organization that held its eleventh anniversary and awards banquet Saturday night.

This service fraternity, the only program of its kind in existence anywhere in the country, is one of the University's most worthwhile enterprises. The organization is designed to aid the physically handicapped in all the phases of school life, both scholastically and socially.

Through annual publications, such as "Sigma Signs," the fraternity seeks to inspire and encourage disabled people everywhere.

DSO is to be highly commended for its service to the University and to all handicapped people. We wish the organization an even more successful twelfth year.

Rich Archbold
Daily Illini
November 3, 1959



A word from President David Dodds
Henry in favor of the program.

The Eleventh Annual D. S. O. Banquet

An important part of DSO is its annual banquet. It is important for a number of reasons, but primarily for two basic reasons; it recalls to our minds the vital aims of the organization and gives recognition to those of outstanding achievements in the light of those aims. This year those who attended the DSO banquet were especially edified by the persons who received the Scharper achievement and service awards.

The Scharper Service Award for the first time was received by husband and wife, Glen and Sylvia Bellows. This award is given primarily to the persons who have contributed the greatest service in the development or furtherance of the purposes and practices for which the University's Program was established. That Glen and Sylvia deserved these awards can be seen from the mention of only a few of their services. Mrs. Bellows has served as editor of SIGMA SIGNS, has served as chairman of the Big Sister Program, and has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. And, as unselfishly as his wife, Glen has served as vice-president of Delta Sigma Omicron, has worked extensively on SIGMA SIGNS, and has had a high scholastic average for four years.

Dr. James Boen is another individual of notable achievements. For these achievements he received the highly valued Scharper Achievement Award. As does the other award, the reception of this award also has rigid requirements. It is given for an exhibition of the greatest achievements, academically, physically, socially, in extra-curricular functions and in professional endeavor during schooling at the University of Illinois or immediately upon completion of the schooling. In the light of these requirements it should be noted that Jim has served as president of DSO for two years, has been elected to Pi Mu Epsilon, Honorary Fraternity in Mathematics, and has been the recipient of a University of Illinois Fellowship.

Though these students have reached great heights despite their handicap, for many it would not have been possible without the constant effort of Tim Nugent. Tim's boundless energy has kept alive a program started by him twelve years ago at Galesburg, Ill. In memory of the



Harold Scharper Achievement Award winner, Dr. Jim Boen.



Harold Scharper Service Award winners, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bellows.

Galesburg program and in appreciation of his work here at Champaign, Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. in conjunction with Alpha Chapter, presented Tim with a gold watch. Don Swift, president of DSO Inc., made the presentation, which was a surprise to all.

As Tim got up to give his view of the program, Don came forward from the audience and interrupted. Taking the microphone from Tim, Don spoke briefly of a time ten years ago when, believing the program to be ended, the students had given Tim a watch. This year's presentation was a symbol of the students' continuing appreciation of Tim's work and their confidence in the program's future.

DSO was honored also to have the president of the University, Dr. David D. Henry, as a guest. President Henry complimented the organization on its aims, achievements, and leadership. The toastmaster, Harold A. Konnak, from the University of Wisconsin, also expressed his enthusiasm for the rehabilitation program and his hope that such a program could be initiated at the University of Wisconsin.

The DSO motto, "To exercise our abilities to a maximum so as to minimize our disabilities, that we may live most and serve best," was fully demonstrated by the fact that the banquet was completely planned and executed by handicapped students. All DSO members helped, but special mention should go to Tom Linde, General Chairman; Jim Seybold, Katie Niemeyer, Co-chairmen; Sylvia Bellows, Banquet Program; Bill Richard, Reservations; and Jan Little, Invitations. Entertainment ranged from classical piano and flute music to magic tricks and pantomime.

This banquet, then, has served and continues to serve as an inspiration and incentive to DSO members, to the university as a whole, and to the general public.

*Shirley Radle
Lynda Koopman*

Delta Sigma Omicron, Alpha Chapter, is pleased to extend an invitation to students, parents, alumni, and friends to attend the Twelfth Annual Delta Sigma Omicron Awards Banquet to be held in the Illini Union Ballroom October 1, 1960, at 6:30 p.m.

Delta Sigma Omicron -



The Purpose of DSO

Delta Sigma Omicron, service fraternity for the disabled students on the campus of the University of Illinois, is striving to live up to the last phrase in the fraternity motto — to live most and serve best.

The purpose of this group is not limited to the Champaign-Urbana area. Rather the purpose extends to anywhere handicapped individuals can be found. Delta Sigma Omicron is not meant to be the apex of social and recreational life for the disabled students on campus. In fact this is just what the organization strives not to be. Its purpose is rather that of an integrative and integrating function to expand the possibilities of its members on the campus and in the business and social world. In this process, Delta Sigma Omicron brings deans, instructors, and businessmen in contact with the disabled student body, thus promoting further knowledge of the abilities of the handicapped.

In connection with this goal of integration and education, Delta Sigma Omicron sponsors many and varied programs listed on the next page. These programs are two-fold in purpose. They enable the handicapped student to gain a feeling of confidence in himself and they show others, not before acquainted with the handicapped, that a handicapped body does not mean a decrease in ability or in the power of the mind.

To quote a former president of the organization, Tom Linde: "It was not the purpose of DSO to become a haven, a club to which one might retreat in a sulk if he could not be accepted elsewhere. This is a compensation, and it is sick.

It (DSO) must always keep in mind the fact that membership occurs as a transitional process, a step on the road from transforming the effects of a disability from negative handicaps to socially dominant assets."

Jan Little

Organization to Serve



Accomplishments of DSO

Sigma Signs — world wide circulation

Spokesman — monthly newsletter to co-ordinate DSO

Harold Scharper Achievement Awards

Harold Scharper Service Awards

Theodore Lesley Scholarship Fund

Committee on Public Education

Committee on Hospital Visitations

Illinois Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team

Illinois Gizz Kids Cheerleaders

Driver-Safety Research

Diversified Recreation and Sports for all Handicapped

Participation in and Financial Support of Rehabilitation Research

Sponsorship of the First National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

Foundation of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association

Example and Guide to similar groups

Integration with other campus groups

Financial Contributions to Charities for the Handicapped totaling \$20,-
500.00

Delta Sigma Omicron received from the Illinois Rehabilitation Association, May 12, 1959, "Commendation" "in recognition of distinguished, inspirational contributions to the Rehabilitation effort".

Student Rehabilitation Center Receives Research Grant

The University of Illinois Student Rehabilitation Center received a research grant of \$20,000 from the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults for the purpose of developing standards for all buildings and facilities used by the public so that they could be independently accessible and functional to the permanently physically disabled, to, through, and within their doors. This is a major undertaking which will include ALL buildings and facilities used by the general public, not just those owned or built by public funds. It is hoped that these standards will eventually become a part of all state and municipality building codes and in that manner eliminate architectural barriers to the independent and productive functioning of people with permanent physical handicaps.

The research project has been recognized and accepted as a project of the American Standards Association, the authoritative agency for developing standards in the United States. The project is known as American Standards Association—Project A-117. The project is being co-sponsored by the President's Committee on the Employment of the Physically Handicapped and the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Basic research and development is being done at the University of Illinois Student Rehabilitation Center where Professor Nugent has employed a research secretary and a research assistant under this grant. Part of the project will be the collation and culmination of the efforts extended by the University of Illinois over the past twelve years.

In addition to directing the research and development phase of the program, Professor Nugent serves as Executive Secretary to the Steering Committee and as Executive Secretary to the Sectional Committee. Mr. Leon Chatelain, nationally and inter-nationally renowned architect and Past President of the American Institute of Architects, serves as chairman of the Steering Committee and as chairman of the Sectional Committee.

The Steering Committee has representation from the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the U. S. Office of Veterans Administration, the American Institute of Architects, and the University of Illinois. The Sectional Committee has representation from almost all trades and professional organizations and industrial enterprises.

Within recent years the Student Rehabilitation Center has completed approximately 15 significant research projects.

Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated Tax Structure Approved

Within the past year the United States Office of Internal Revenue has officially approved Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated as a tax deductible item for those who would choose to contribute funds to Delta Sigma Omicron, its activities, and projects. U. S. Office of Internal Revenue has also approved Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated as not having to submit routine tax reports.

This has been under consideration for several years. It is a big step forward.

Delta Sigma Omicron Thanks...

Honorary Life Members of Delta Sigma Omicron

Delta Sigma Omicron has recently elected one Honorary Life Member for each year of its existence, dating back to 1948. Each person so honored will receive a beautiful certificate upon which is inscribed "Delta Sigma Omicron, Rehabilitation Service Fraternity, Founded January 1949, Incorporated April 1949 — "In recognition of *his* outstanding services and activities in the furtherance of the total rehabilitation effort _____ is hereby accorded Honorary Life Membership in Delta Sigma Omicron with all rights and privileges attached thereto." —"Certified this First day of February, 1960". Four signatures of the officers of the corporation and board of directors of the corporation appear on the certificate and the imposed emblem of Delta Sigma Omicron also appears on the certificate.

These honorary life memberships are being awarded to lay people and professional people part of and apart from the University of Illinois who have contributed significantly to the development of the University's Rehabilitation-Education Program and to the purposes for which it exists.

Awards have been made posthumously to Homer L. Lawder, Director of Health Services at the Galesburg Division of the University at the time the program was founded and subsequently Director of Health Services on the main campus; posthumously to Dr. Chauncey M. Louttit, Executive Dean of the Galesburg Division of the University at the time the program was founded and subsequently Assistant Provost on the main campus; Dr. Lloyd Morey, President Emeritus, University of Illinois; Mr. James L. McManus, Attorney, Skil Corporation, Chicago, Illinois and the father of one of our wheelchair graduates, Bonnie McManus; Mr. Carmont Blitz, President, Blitz Auto Body Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Harry J. Bradley, President, Allen-Bradley Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Professor Raymond F. Dvorak, Director of Bands, University of Wisconsin, First President, Wisconsin Rehabilitation Association; Dr. E. C. Cline, Supervisor, State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois; Mr. Charles A. Bruggeman, Manager (retired), Sears Roebuck and Company, Champaign, Illinois; Mr. E. Bruce Linde, Industrial Engineer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the father of one of our wheelchair graduates, Dr. Thomas F. Linde; Mr. Emmerson V. Dexter, Mayor, City of Champaign, and Rehabilitation Counselor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Illinois; Mr. Arthur R. Wildhagen, Assistant Director, Office of Public Information, University of Illinois; Mr. Seely Johnston, Johnston Sports Shop, Champaign, Illinois; Dr. Guy A. Renzaglia, Director, Rehabilitation Institute, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; Dr. Cecil Patterson, Associate Professor and Coordinator of rehabilitation counselor training, University of Illinois; Mr. Harold C. Whitman, Past Director of the National Rural Electrification Association; Dr. Robert G. Bone, President, Illinois State Normal University; Paul L. Smoot, Director of Diversified Occupations, Danville (Illinois) High School, and the father of one of our wheelchair graduates, Ron Smoot.

Three other elections of considerable significance have been made and approved by the Committee but are being withheld from publication at this time for what the Committee feels to be good reasons.



Dr. Pepper

Although she is only four feet and eleven inches tall, Dr. Pepper is always there when the Illinois Gizz Kids Cheerleaders need a friend. She can always find a way to overcome any obstacles encountered on a trip whether it be a narrow doorway or steps into a room. She has been known to lift cheerleaders twice her size with little apparent effort.

This is the sixth season with the Gizz Kids for the energetic little Scots-woman from Washington. The team has no more loyal supporter, no more generous giver of time than the good doctor. Dr. Pepper holds a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Chicago. Her undergraduate and Master's work were done at the University of Washington.

Dr. Pepper began her association with the Gizz Kids after hearing of their need for a chaperon from one of the cheerleaders in one of her classes. Since that time, she has covered many thousand miles with the team. Anyone who has traveled with her will tell you that Dr. Pepper has more stamina than most of the team. Many times, the cheerleaders have dragged themselves out of bed about 8:30 in the morning after a hard day of riding, an exciting game and a bed-time of three in the morning the day before, to meet Dr. Pepper coming in from her brisk morning walk around downtown St. Louis.

Our thanks for many years of wonderful, unselfish service. And, an extra vote of thanks to you, Dr. Pepper, for silently donating out-fits for the square-dancing group.

Lynda Koopman

Annual Wheelchair Basketball Banquet

The two local wheelchair basketball teams, the Illinois Gizz Kids and the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights, Champion and Runner-ups respectively in the Midwest Conference during the 1959-60 season, and retiring coach Tim Nugent were feted by the Champaign American Legion Post #24 April 20.

Tim Nugent, SRC director, was cited for his outstanding achievements during the past twelve years as head coach of the Gizz Kids and founder and organizer of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. He received a Book of Letters from former Gizz Kids. Nugent, who is retiring as coach this Spring, has directed the Gizz Kids into qualifying for every one of the twelve national tournaments, and received the coveted first place in 1953. This was done despite the fact that the Illinois Gizz Kids is the only University squad in the nation, with subsequent rapid turnover and lack of experience per man. Other teams in the National Association have many men with nine and ten years experience, with no scholastic eligibility requirements. Tim will devote all his time now to administrative matters at our Center, but will remain as Technical Advisor to the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Kenneth Clarke, SRC Supervisor of Special Services, will move from assistant coach to head coach, replacing Nugent.

BLACK KNIGHTS

Ken Wagoner

Wayne Broeren

Chuck Donnel

Wayne Broeren

Wayne Broeren

Dean Nosker

AWARDS

Captains

Most Valuable
Player

Most Improved
Player

All-American
2nd Team

All-Midwest

1st Team

All-Midwest
2nd Team

GIZZ KIDS

Ron Stein & Harry Stewart

Ron Stein

Frank Vecera

Ron Stein

Ron Stein

Bruce Karr

Vince Caputo

Illinois Rehabilitation Association Citation

Thank you to this Association for their commendations to Delta Sigma Omicron for "recognition of distinguished, inspirational contributions to the rehabilitation effort."

Hall-Hagler, Post No. 15, Disabled American Vets

Our thanks to Hall-Hagler, Post #15 of the Disabled American Veterans for sponsoring the annual outing to Lake Springfield. For more details on this see pages 10 & 11.

Champaign Religious Workers Association

The Champaign Religious Workers Association has helped to provide bus service to all churches. By paying a driver's wages for this Sunday morning run, they provide a way to every student's place of worship. Without this help, many of our students would not be able to attend church and synagogue regularly.

The Press

Especially helpful in publicizing our basketball games, the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, and the program in general this year were the three papers in Champaign-Urbana. We would like to thank the Courier, the News-Gazette and the Daily Illini for their help. Special thanks to Bill Schrader of the News-Gazette, and Ed Wick of the Courier for their help.

Delta Sigma Omicron Congratulates Spokesman

This year Delta Sigma Omicron began the publication of a monthly newsletter, "The Spokesman." "The Spokesman" was created by three members of DSO's executive board in order to have a better means of communicating with students in the Rehabilitation program. These students grow in number each year and are spreading to all parts of the campus. Included in the "Spokesman" are current news items concerning students at the University and their activities, up to date accounting of activities of the past month, a calendar of the coming month, special acknowledgements and news items along with feature articles. It is hoped in the near future that "Spokesman" will be put on the mailing list to all alumni.

Don Swift

This past year, Don Swift, President of Delta Sigma Omicron Inc., was awarded one of the three annual awards given by the Illinois Rehabilitation Association for exemplary evidence of rehabilitation. The award is given "In commendation for outstanding service, in recognition of distinguished, inspirational contributions to the rehabilitation effort."

Ron Stein

The annual "One Hundred Banquet" sponsored by the University of Illinois Alumni Association and the Illini Union each year to honor the one hundred most outstanding seniors in student activities at the University of Illinois, this year honored, for the first time, a member of Delta Sigma Omicron. Ron Stein, Captain of the University of Illinois Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team, a major in Industrial Education, active in many other student activities and sports on campus, is a member of Phi Delta Theta, social fraternity, Delta Sigma Omicron, service fraternity, and MaWanDa, senior men's scholastic-activities honorary. Ron has made All-America Wheelchair Basketball Team four years in succession, three of these he made the first team by unanimous vote. Ron is married and has a little daughter who is four months old.

Outstanding Students

Delta Sigma Omicron congratulates Sylvia Dean Bellows, Leon Keller, and Bill Schuyler on their outstanding scholastic achievements in the last four years. These three have proven that it is ability, not disability, that counts. More on them in the scholarship section.

Outstanding Residents

Tom Hein and Arnold Wolochuk, two of our outstanding students, won the Outstanding Residents award from Mens Residence Halls Association for the year 1959. Tom was a resident of Garner House, Arnold of Barton House.

Alumni Travel And Study Abroad

During the past year, three alumni of the University of Illinois and the rehabilitation-education program traveled and studied in Europe. The first of these, Mark Orr, MA '56, PhD '58, in Sociology, left for Europe via a boat late last spring. Mark took his Oldsmobile convertible with him via ship and traveled England and the continent in style. Mark visited many countries of Europe but we understand that he spent a greater portion of his time in Italy and England. Mark has several good friends in Italy. One of Mark's principle interests was the history of art in these various European countries.

Upon his return to the United States in September, Mark accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor of History at Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee.

The second of our alumni to travel and study abroad was William Acheson, B. S. in Architecture, '58. Bill received the Edward L. Ryerson Traveling Fellowship in Architecture as an honor student in Architecture.

Bill and a friend flew to Europe via one of the new commercial jets. Upon arrival in Europe Bill purchased a Volkswagen and also purchased a trailer which was the companion to the Volkswagen. Bill and his friend traveled through eight or ten countries of Europe, living in their trailer, cooking for themselves, and camping out a good share of the time. Bill reports that the entire trip went off according to schedule and was most enjoyable. Bill of course was very interested in the architecture of the European countries. He took hundreds of color slides of architecture and art throughout Europe.

Bill met and visited with Mark Orr for several days while in Italy. The two had scheduled a meeting in London but were unable to get together at that time.

Bill has now returned to the campus of the University of Illinois where he is pursuing work towards his Masters Degree in Architecture. Previous to leaving for Europe he was employed by Bachmann and Bertram Architects of Hammond, Indiana. Upon completion of his Masters Degree he will rejoin that firm.

The third of our alumni to travel and study abroad is John H. Calkins, B. S., Accountancy, '56. All of the details of John's travels are not yet known, although he visited several countries in Europe. John ran across Bill Acheson while Bill was in Paris and the two visited for a short time while in Paris. John is presently with Goodal Corporation of Ogallala, Nebraska.

Both Mark and Bill are traumatic paraplegics using a wheelchair all of the time. John is an ambulatory post-polio.

U.S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Fellowships

Four of our students are now studying Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling with the aid of a graduate fellowship awarded by the United States Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. They are Sylvia Dean Bellows and Irene Osthoff, now studying at the University of Illinois, and James Wolfe and Don Steinmetz. Wolfe is now doing further work at the Warms Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Georgia. Steinmetz is doing further study in Overland, Missouri.

New Wheelchair Basketball Conference

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association welcomed a new Conference this year when the Pacific Northwestern Conference joined the Association. We are especially interested in this conference as it was started by Dr. Ben Graham, a former Illinois Gizz Kid. Dr. Graham also started the Seattle Flyers Wheelchair Basketball team. For more on Dr. Graham, see "Alumni Briefs." Congratulations, Dr. Graham!

National Congress of Organizations of The Physically Handicapped

Throughout the nation it is estimated that there are nearly 200 clubs of physically handicapped civilians, veterans, and blind. The majority of these clubs draw its members from one locality while some are national in structure. Very few of them have knowledge of the programs or even of the existence of similar clubs of the handicapped which exist in neighboring states.

An organizational meeting to form a national congress of organizations of the physically handicapped is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 14, 1960. We do not know what might come from this organizational meeting, but Delta Sigma Omicron will be represented. It should be an excellent medium for the exchange of ideas, for motivating more handicapped people and for greater public education.



You!



Who's surprised?

Tom Linde's Remarks on Presenting the Gold Watch

By now, you've discovered we have some rather remarkable people with us. In honoring those whose services are great, we do more than pay tribute to what these people have done. We take personal note of what they have believed. And, this is as it should be.

It is belief which gives depth and meaning to what men do. That thought can be turned around, too; it is only in action, in what we say, and what we do, that belief can come alive.

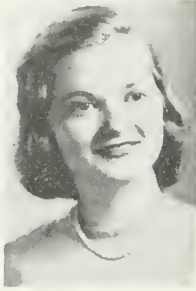
A few men excel in their contributions to those around them. What they contribute is rich because it reflects some very active beliefs in the rights, hopes, even the dreams that ought to be unquestioned heritage of all men.

The greatest tribute we can pay these people is to try to carry their beliefs with us into the everyday world, in what *we do*, and what *we say*.

Tim Nugent

We can't keep up with this guy. However, at last count, Tim had collected at least five new honors. They are: Distinguished Service Award from the Champaign-Urbana Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1958, The American Academy of Physical Education Administrative Award for 1959, the Distinguished Service Award of the Illinois Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1959, the Distinguished Service Award Citation of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, and election to Who's Who in the Midwest. Congratulations, Tim, and keep up the good work!

Scholarship



Sylvia Dean Bellows

Mrs. Sylvia Dean Bellows, Louisville, Ky., became the first handicapped student to take top-rank scholastic honors at Illinois. She was co-salutatorian of the February class, graduating in psychology with a 4.897 average.

Mrs. Bellows is remaining at the University as a graduate student in psychology. As an undergraduate, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Lambda Delta, scholastic honoraries.

Stricken with polio at the age of four, Mrs. Bellows has been in a wheelchair since then. In 1956 she was top scholar among 320 graduates of Eastern High School, Middletown, Ky.

Last June she married Glen Bellows of Spencer, Iowa, also a polio victim, and a graduate of the College of Engineering. Bellows now works for a Champaign firm.

Sylvia and Glen have had many distinguished offices in D. S. O., including Vice President and Secretary.

Leon Keller

Leon Keller, another June graduate, has been granted a Graduate Fellowship in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Illinois. This Graduate Fellowship carries with it a stipend of \$1,500 plus tuition and fees.

Beside carrying a 4.6 average, Leon is president of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, vice president of Sigma Kappa Phi, aeronautical honorary fraternity. He is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Phi, and Phi Kappa Phi honorary fraternities. He has also participated in wheelchair basketball and football.

Leon, a victim of Polio in 1952, is from Manteno, Illinois.

William Schuyler

Another outstanding scholar is William Schuyler, graduating with the June class.

Schuyler was the winner during the Spring semester of the Lois Shepherd Green Award, a \$200 tuition scholarship awarded to the outstanding undergraduate student in philosophy.

He is also the winner of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Award and the Phi Kappa Phi Award. The former, won in national competition, provides \$1500 plus tuition and fees, while the latter, one of only four awarded nationally, gives \$2500.

A victim of a diving accident, Schuyler broke his neck during his sophomore year in high school, and finished through correspondence courses.

The primary motive of the University of Illinois Student Rehabilitation Center is to enable the handicapped to get that college degree so helpful in taking one's place in a world of able-bodied people.

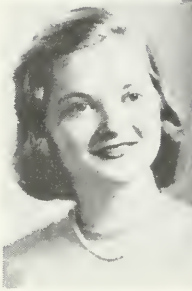
This opportunity is greatly appreciated by the SRC students, and they work hard to succeed. Proof of this are the 75 students (out of about 161) who earned a grade point average of 4.0 or higher (5.0 is A) for the Spring and Fall semesters of 1959.

Ager, David	Koopman, Lynda
Bellows, Glen	* Lee, Juel
Bellows, Sylvia Dean—2	* Linde, Thomas—2
Bezman, Victor	* McManus, Bonnie—2
* Boen, James	Meyer, Glendon
Bramer, Mary	Meyer, Barbara—2
Breddek, Roger—2	Parsons, Ronald—2
Byard, Helen	Quinn, Edward
Caputo, Vincent	* Radle, Shirley
* Barberry, Martha	Rost, George—2
Chanock, Carole—2	Scheffelin, Margaret
Chin, Gloria	Schmidt, Margaret Carter—2
Csicvara, Margaret—2	Schrieker, Robert—2
Dagis, Randall—2	Schuyler, William—2
Eckman, Connie—2	* Scotti, Joseph—2
* Farrar, Norma	Seybold, James
Farshi, Kokab	Smith, Charlotte
Faust, Carl—2	Sones, Paul
Fine, John—2	Stafford, David
Fox, Donald	* Steinmetz, Donald—2
Frank, Ira	Stenberg, Charles—2
Frock, Barbara	Stewart, Harry—2
* Ganns, Joseph—2	Stewart, John
* Gentry, David—2	Tully, Thomas
* Gornto, Eleanor—2	Vecera, Frank
Gouty, William—2	Viste, Kenneth
Hambright, Patricia—2	* Voy, Phyllis
* Hediger, Marcia	* Wall, Marshall—2
Hill, Lowell—2	* Webb, Ruth—2
Huisinga, Dorothy	* Wenz, Betty
Hutchins, James Robert—2	Whitman, Charles
Jandera, Allan	Wilkin, William
Jensen, Paul	* Wolfe, James—2
Jones, Louise Fortman—2	Wolfson, Allan
Jones, Stephen	Wolochuk, Arnold
Keller, Leon—2	* Wright, Robert—2
Kenward, Ann	* Zimmerman, Donald
Kerkhoff, Larry	

* — graduate students

2 — both semesters

Graduates



Bellows



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Karr



Keller



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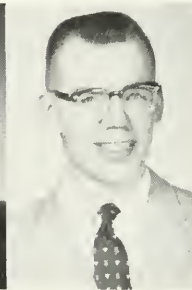
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Tully



Whitman



Stenberg

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Phi Mu Alpha Symphonia

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ERNEST J. HOOD
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MARIE W. MONICA
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Newman Club, Forensics, Sheequon

Alumni Briefs

Local alumni once again sponsored a cocktail party at the Inman Hotel following the Annual Initiations Awards Banquet. It was a wonderful occasion. Over 80 alumni returned for the annual banquet and many others returned to visit during the course of the year. The Alumni Wheelchair Football Team defeated the regular team, an all-star combination. Our alumni continue to get promotions, better salaries, get married, have families, and return many times to the University of Illinois and its rehabilitation-education program.

Our alumni continue to be our greatest pride and greatest compliment.

We have recently heard from many alumni from whom we had not heard for some time. Pass the word around and let's communicate.

WILLIAM R. ACHESON — spent six months in travel and study in Europe last summer and fall. He is presently back on campus completing work on his Master's degree. He is developing a city-wide plan of development for Hammond, Indiana. He will return this June to the staff of Bachman and Bertram, Architects, Hammond, Indiana.

SALLY, NEE COURIER, ADAMS — husband and daughter still enjoying life in San Diego, California.

JOAN, NEE JOHNSON, ADAMS — presently living in Eugene, Oregon where her husband is teaching. Husband Charlie is completing his Ph.D. in English. Since daughter, Becky, was born Joan devotes most of her time to family and home.

BRUCE ALDEN-DIEFER (Miss) — is living at Monterey, California with husband Bob McDaniel. She is Administrative Assistant in the Urban Renewal Program there. Bruce is taking a course in Anthropology on the side.

KEN ANDERSON — has completed his Ph.D. in Mathematics and has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Harpur College, a part of the University of the State of New York. Ken has resigned his position at the University of Illinois and will be selling his lovely home in Timber Hills subdivision. He and wife Ann are very enthused about the new job and a new community.

ROBERT E. ANDERSON — charter member, is still Director of Diversified Occupations in Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Wife, Pat, and son, Jimmy, are in excellent health.

CYNTHIA ALEX — in Rye, New York the past year is returning to campus to begin graduate studies in vocational rehabilitation counseling in September of 1960. She is being considered for a fellowship.

ROBERT ARNOLD — upon completing his degree took a position with Continental Casualty Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois where he is living.

MAX J. AUBUCHON — has completed his internship in Brooklyn, New York following completion of his Master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. We have heard indirectly of his job but do not know the details.

JOHN AUBY — is presently with the Engineering Products Department, The Trane Company, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, manufacturers of heating and air conditioning units. John and wife, Barbara, have purchased a new home on the outskirts of LaCrosse where they have plenty of room for son, Dicky, to run.

JACQUELINE AUCLAIR — still happy as a Business Machines Supervisor in Chicago, Illinois — still single.

ELEANOR BAINUM — is still making a home for her husband, C. Dale Rush, also an alumnus who is District Counselor of the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, with offices in Mattoon, Illinois.

THOMAS BARNARD, JR. — is Plant Supervisor, Star

** Husband Bob is presently serving an 18 month tour of duty in Heidelberg, Germany.

Container Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

MAX BARTEL — is a Jobber for Cyclo Manufacturing Company of Denver, Colorado. We wish he would write more.

GLEN BELLOWES — is Mechanical Engineer with Brown, Manthei, Davis & Mullins, engineering firm in Champaign, Illinois. His wife, **SYLVIA, NEE DEAN, BELLOWES**, received a graduate fellowship and is pursuing graduate study in vocational rehabilitation counselling. Other information on them is contained within the text of Sigma Signs.

MARVIN BERRON — is treasurer and a director of Concord Counsellors, Inc. of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Marv is one of the founders of this new corporation and his previous positions prepared him adequately for the job. The Berrons have a new large home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Wife, Shirley, and their three children are doing very well.

SARAH BLACHER — is pursuing graduate studies in English in California. She graduated with Highest Honors last June.

LESTER D. BLANKENSHIP — is doing an exceptionally fine job as Chief of Rehabilitation Services, Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois. Wife, Joanne, and son, Bernie, are doing very well.

JAMES ROEN — having completed his Ph.D. in Mathematics is now Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Southern Illinois University. He and wife, Dorothy, like southern Illinois.

MARY BRAMER — is contemplating teaching in Elgin, Illinois beginning this fall.

SUE BRENIFF — has sent word that she is to be married on June 18 to Jim McGuire from Des Plaines, Illinois. Healthy and happy, doing some studying and looking forward to her marriage.

WAYNE H. BROEREN — is Accountant and Sales Representative for Thompson Lumber Company, Champaign, Illinois. "Gig" also made the all-conference team in wheelchair basketball as a member of the newly organized Black Knights. Wife, "Cece", son "Stu" and daughter Rachelle, are healthy and happy with the addition Gig has put on his home.

ARDYTH BROESKE — now Mrs. Hal Reichers, loves California, husband Hal, and their three year old daughter (See Hal Reichers).

MARILYN BROWN — now Mrs. Allan Smith, writes quite often. She, husband Al, and their three children, are doing very well in Galesburg, Illinois.

PAUL BROWN — received his Law Degree from the University of Kansas City in January.

FRED BUMPUS — is Farm Manager, Trust Department, Springfield Marine Bank, Springfield, Illinois. His wife, Sue, is employed at Memorial Hospital in Springfield.

MARTIN BURNHAM — is Head of Mortgage Payments, East Hartford, Connecticut. Marty is also still working hard in the development of recreation for the handicapped in that area.

VITO A. CALECA — is doing very well as Chief of Guidance, Training & Placement, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois. Vic, wife Virginia, and son Victor, have permanently established their home in Springfield, Illinois and like it very much.

JOHN H. CALKINS — is another of our alumni to spend several months in travel and study overseas. He is still with the Goodall Corporation of Ogallala, Nebraska but reports he would like to go to Europe to work.

MARTHA CARBERRY — is completing work on her Master's degree this semester.

CHARLES F. CHAPMAN — is News Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association. He and wife Kathy, have been blessed with another baby boy, Peter. Scott is now 4½ years old. They make their home in Chicago, Illinois.

JACK CHASE — continues as Pastor of the Foursquare Church in St. Maries, Idaho. Jack, wife Marian, and daughters Lynette and Jonni, like Idaho

and do considerable travelling in relation to Jack's work. **II. ROBERT (TED) CHENAUET, JR.** — will be completing his law degree at the University of Louisville, in Kentucky. **LEO CLAY** — is working as a Special Representative for the Sheriff of Cook County. He was also taking some studies at Roosevelt College in Chicago, near his home. **RAYMOND F. CRIGGER** — is still practicing law in Los Angeles, California where he is with the Public Defender's Office. **ADRIENNE B. CUSON** — is Vocational Counselor in the Rehabilitation Department of Oak Forest Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Oak Forest, Illinois. **ELEANOR CYPRESS** — is an Assistant Speech Therapist in Chicago, Illinois. Eleanor received her degree in Speech Correction.

CHARLES DAINCKE — has resigned his position as Accountant for the N. A. Baldridge Oil Products Company to return to school for a Master's degree. Chuck recently married his college sweetheart, Adrienne. **FRANK DEYO** — has built quite a legal practice in Rock Island, Illinois where he also does considerable legal work for the federal government. Frank continues to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated. Frank, wife Betty, and daughter Diane, are all doing very well. **DIANNE DEZAUCHE** — now Mrs. Donald Glyn, also an alumnus (See Donald Glyn). **FRANK DOLOSZYCKI** — has completed his training at Southern Illinois Institute of Vocational Technical Training in drafting. We have heard of his job but do not know the details. **DON DONEY** — who resigned from his position with Raymond X. Grueninger, Architect of Clayton, Missouri to return to campus for additional work. He, and wife Shirley, are expecting an addition to the family, their first, in September. **MARLIN DOUGHTY** — is working with the Schaal Furnace Company, Inc. in Des Moines, Iowa. **JUDITH (JUDY) DOWELL** — is top person in the offices of Shakespeare Motors in Champaign, Illinois. Judy is very serious about a young man who presently is in Alabama. **HAROLD DRAKE** — is presently with the Division of Mineral Resources, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, in San Francisco, California, and we understand he is doing very well. **EUGENE DREYER** — is busily engaged in the warehouse business with the Dreyer Commission Company of Kansas City, Missouri. **MARILYN DUNN** — is Rehabilitation Counselor, Medical School, Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri and is also an Instructor in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling at the University. **JOHN EARLY** — is Assistant Traffic Supervisor for Exports, Hullett-Packard Company of Palo Alto, California. **JOHN EAST** — has begun the practice of law in Naples, Florida. **WAYNE ECCLES** — is living and working in Miami, Florida where he has also been instrumental in developing a wheelchair basketball team. **EUGENE EMMERICH** — is presently on the staff of the State Unemployment Service in Chicago, Illinois. Gene failed in his candidacy for the office of County Clerk of Cole County. Better luck, next time.

NORMA FARRAR — is presently Field Representative, The Seeing Eye, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey. **WILLIAM FIFE** — is Assistant Supervisor of Services, Office of Student Affairs, Southern Illinois University. **MARYLEE FLETCHER** — has resigned her position with the Champaign office of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Present employment plans unknown. **ROBERT FRERES** — is an Accountant with Tom J. Agres & Company, Public Accountants, Auditors, and Tax Consultants, Chicago, Illinois. **BARBARA, NEE CASH, FROCK** — Husband George is pursuing graduate studies in music at the University of Illinois.

JOSEPH GANNS — is serving his professional internship in vocational rehabilitation counselling in the Student Rehabili-

tation Center. He has completed studies for his Master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counselling. Joe and his wife, Joanne, now have three children, two boys and a girl. All are fine. The Ganns are building a new home in Urbana, Illinois. **DAVID GENTRY** — is serving his professional internship at the Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City, Missouri.

JOAN M. GILLENWATER — is employed at the State Research Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois. **JOY GILPIN** — is doing home teaching with a private agency in Brooklyn, New York. **ROBERT GLEASON** — is legal advisor to the Division of Hospitals, Department of Health, State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois. Bob is doing very well. **DONALD GLYN** — and wife Dianne have returned to Chicago where Don is Superintendent, Office Services Department, Zurich Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois. **ELEANOR GORNTO** — has received an appointment as an Instructor in the English Department, University of Illinois. Eleanor has completed both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees and is pursuing work on her doctorate. **JOHN W. GORRELL** — is Dispatcher, Illinois Power Company, Granite City, Illinois. **C. BEN GRAHAM, JR.** — now Doctor C. Ben Graham, Assistant in Radiology, School of Medicine, Washington University Hospital, Seattle, Washington. This constitutes a faculty appointment. Ben, wife Pearl, and daughter Leslie, are doing very well. Recently Ben organized the Seattle Flyers Wheelchair Basketball Team and led in the organization of the Northwest Wheelchair Basketball Conference. The Seattle Flyers did qualify and did participate in the 12th Annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. **MELVIN GREEN** — received a big promotion with Arthur Young & Company, Accountants, Los Angeles, California.

CAROLE HALL — has been Deputy Auditor to the County Auditor, Jasper County, Missouri for the past year. We recently received word that Carole is now Mrs. Sidney Surgi, married on February 24, 1960 and now living in Carthage, Missouri. Congratulations! **ANDREA HANSEN** — now Mrs. Ralph Patzke also an alumnus, has had to resign her position with Tanner & Patterson, Attorneys in Champaign, in favor of a new boy by the name of Jeffrey Alan. **RICHARD HAYDEN** — is an Engineer with Hughes Aircraft Corp. Culver City, California. **MARCIA HEDIGER** — has resigned her position in the Horticulture Department of the University of Illinois to pursue graduate studies toward a Master's degree in teaching. **THOMAS HEIN** — is a free lance artist in Phoenix, Ariz. **WILLIAM G. HENSEN** — is County Supervisor, Dairy Head Improvement, Iroquois County, Watseka, Illinois. **HARRIS HJELTER** — wife Shirley (formerly Shirley Sayres) both alumni, are living and working in Memphis, Tennessee. We would like to hear from them. **WILLIAM D. HOLLOWAY** — is Personnel Manager for Bemis Paper Bag Company, Peoria, Illinois. Bill, wife Joan, and daughter Ann, maintain a lovely home in the suburbs of Peoria. **ERNEST HOOD** — has accepted a position as an Engineer with the Control Data Corp. of Minneapolis, Minnesota. As an electrical engineer he is very enthused about the new type work of this corporation. Ernie has moved his wife and four children to Minneapolis. **RAY HOUSE** — Honorary DSO Member, is an Attorney for the North American Mortgage Corporation, St. Petersburg, Florida. **MARILYN K. HOWARD** — has changed positions. She is now Medical Secretary for two physicians and surgeons in Charleston, Illinois. **BRYCE HUDDLESTON** — is Counselor, Special Services for the Blind, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois. **DOROTHY HUISINGA** — is Accountant, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. **RAYMOND J. HUNT** — with another alumnus, John S. Young, have formed their own architectural,

engineering, consulting firm. All the details are unknown to us. Ray and wife Harriet, like Arizona very much. **ROBERT HUTCHINS** — has just taken a job with a newspaper near Roachdale, Indiana. The details are unknown.

HELEN K. JACKSON — is a bookkeeper, Nortell-Edidin, Inc., Maywood, Illinois. Kay continues to be active in several civic and rehabilitation groups in the metropolitan Chicago area. **ROALD JACOBSEN** — is practicing law in Rockford, Illinois and still has strong political aspirations. **ALLAN JANDERA** — is Junior Accountant, Lansing B. Warner, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. **GILBERT JANDERA** is doing tax accounting for Para-Tone, Para-Type in LaGrange, Illinois. **PAUL JENSEN** — is an Engineer with the Westinghouse Electrical Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LYSLE ELIZABETH JOHNSON — is working for Eastern Airlines, Inc., Miami, Florida. **TOM JONES** — is a Staff Announcer for WCIA-TV, Champaign, Illinois and is doing very well. He has a regular sports show once a week in addition to staff announcing. Tom and his wife, Louise, recently built a new home in southwest Champaign. Louise is still a student at the University of Illinois. **GEORGE F. JUNGLES** — with his wife Betty are doing very well with their laundry business in Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT KALOPEK — is County Treasurer, Poweshiek County, Iowa. It has been confirmed that Bob has stronger political aspirations and it is anticipated he will move up the ladder. **RUTH KELLER** — resigned her position as Financial Secretary of First Methodist Church, Champaign, when husband David Miehler completed his undergraduate studies. (See David Miehler). **JANE KING** — now Mrs. John W. Melin has been teaching in the Champaign school system this past year while her husband completes work on his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. **PAUL L. KISH** — is Public Relations Director, Chicago State Hospital, West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. **JANICE KRESSEN** — is now working in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, details unknown. **LULA JEAN KUSART** — now Mrs. Robert Flaughter. She and Bob are making their home in Decatur, Illinois where Bob is Supervisor of Physical Education in the elementary and intermediate schools. **HAROLD KUEHLE** — is doing some studies in Southeast Missouri State College while working in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

KAREN ANN LAMBERT — is working for Paraplegic Manufacturing Company, Franklin Park, Illinois. **MARVIN LAPICOLA** — is an Accountant with Richardson Plastics Products Company, Melrose Park, Illinois. **BONNIE LAWRENCE** — is now Mrs. Len Mitchell. Present whereabouts unknown. **JAMES L. LEE** — is teaching high school in Edwight, West Virginia. **JUEL LEE** (formerly Lepavsky) — is now Chief Clerk, Dean of Men's Office, University of Illinois, Urbana. **WAYNE LEMBURG** — is an instructor in Business Management at the University of Illinois. **EDGAR LEVY, JR.** — managing his own accounting firm in Cincinnati, Ohio. **THOMAS F. LINDE** — completing his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and Journalism, is presently a Counselor and Research Specialist with the Jewish Vocational Counseling Service, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **THOMAS LUTTIER** — wife Betty, and children Kathy and Mark, continue to enjoy the Florida sunshine. The Lutties have sold their motel but maintain their other business interests in Madiera Beach, Florida. Their family picture is a lovely one and we appreciate receiving it.

JOHN MAKRIS — now Dr. Makris is practicing Veterinary Medicine in Decatur, Illinois. **FRANCIS H. MALONE** — has received a promotion since joining Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. He is now Head of the Direct Mailing Depart-

ment. **WALLACE MANVILLE, JR.** — with wife Greta is living in San Francisco, California where Wally is working and continuing to take some academic studies. One or two of our alumni have stopped in to visit Wally and Greta but they all report that the Manvilles were not home at the time they visited. **JANET MARSHALL** — is Rehabilitation Counselor, Gotsch Rehabilitation Center, Thermopolis, Wyoming. **KEN MATTHIAS** — married to **NORMA JEAN MCCLURE**, also an alumnus, is working for McLaughlin's Golf Ball Company, Crown Point, Indiana. Ken and Norma have a daughter, Debra Lynne, born last September. **WILLIAM H. MAYO** — is Proofreader, Catholic Guild for Blind, Chicago, Illinois. **BONNIE MCMAHUS** — is a Graduate Assistant in Bacteriology while pursuing graduate studies in Bacteriology. **MARY LOU MEINERT** — is a fourth grade teacher, Morris Kennedy School, Rockford, Illinois. **DAVID MIEHER** — is now working in Film & News Departments of WLBT-TV in Jackson, Mississippi. **ROBERT E. MIRANDA** — is now an administrative officer with Illini Reefer Company of Champaign, Illinois. Bob, wife Ethel, and daughter Cindy, have their own home in southwest Champaign. **JERRY MORGAN** — is a Design Engineer in the advanced engineering group, Farm Tractor Division, International Harvester Company, Hinsdale, Illinois. Jerry is now married. He and his wife Marge had a little daughter, Linda Lee this past year. **JANE MURPHY** — is now Mrs. Paul Przypyszny.

MARJORIE NELSON — is Music Teacher in the Public Schools of Palatine, Illinois. **DEAN NOSKER** — is Assistant Editor, Extension Division, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. Dean, wife **LOLA LANGE** (also an alumna), and daughter, Kimberly, are doing fine. Dean made the first all-conference team with the Black Knights Wheelchair Basketball Team this past season. **KATHERINE NIEMEYER** — has recently left her position with the Residence Halls Food Service, University of Illinois. Her present position is that of an Assistant to the Directors, Family Camping Corp., Champaign, Ill. **WILLIAM NOTHURFT** — is Inspector with one of the large meat packing plants in Chicago, Illinois.

DANIEL O'CONNELL — is Advertising Account Merchandiser, McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency, Chicago, Illinois. **AL OELSCHLEGEL** — successfully continues his own accounting and auditing business in Champaign, Illinois. Wife Hattie and daughter Alana are healthy and happy enjoying their home in northeast Urbana. **JAMES "MIKE" O'MARA** — is teaching the 8th grade at St. Giles School, Oak Park, Illinois. **MARK ORR** — has completed his Ph.D. in Sociology and is now Assistant Professor of History at Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee. (See other text re. Mark's travels.)

RALPH PATZKE — is Dispatcher for the F. R. Inskip Company of Champaign, Illinois. Ralph and **ANDREA HANSEN**, also an alumna recently added a boy to their family. **GLENWOOD R. PERKINS** — is Advertising Design Specialist for Eisner-Jewel Food Company, Champaign, Illinois. Glen is also a charter member of the Black Knights Wheelchair Basketball Team and continues to do free lance art work. He recently presented Tim Nugent with a unique caricature of himself in honoring Tim's retirement as Coach of the Gizz Kids. **PERRY PERSONS** — is Senior Electrical Engineer, Electronics Instruments Division, Burroughs Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **ALLARD PETTITT** — is working in an administrative position with the Industrial Handicapped Services, Rockford, Illinois. **JOHN PRINCE** — has resigned as Chief Accountant for Canvas Products Manufacturing Company of Des Plaines, Illinois to accept a similar position with Radiation Counter Laboratories, Skokie, Illinois.

DENNIS RAINSFORD — is X-Ray Tech-

nician. U of I Research Hospital, Chicago. Illinois. **H. EDWARD REEVES** — is Electronic Computer Analyst, Headquarters, Ammunition Ordnance Command, U. S. Army, Joliet, Illinois. No word of late. **HAROLD REICHERS** — is working for Hughes Aircraft Corporation in Culver City, California. (See Ardyth Broeske). **ROBERT L. RYAN** — managing his own watch repair and jewelry business in Hines, Illinois.

HARRY SCHANNING — teaching history in the metropolitan Detroit area. **DANIEL SCHUB** — Production Editor of Technical Manuals, Technical Publication Section, Automatic Electric Company, North Lake, Illinois. Danny is now married and has a daughter, Linda Gail. **DONALD W. SEIFFERTH** — is Cost Accountant, Inland Manufacturing Division, General Motors Corporation, Dayton, Ohio. **WANDA SIKORA** — is Secretary, Science Research Associates, Chicago, Illinois. **JAMES SLOAN** — is a teacher, Chicago Light-house for the Blind, Chicago, Illinois. **WAYLAND SMITH** — is really enjoying life. He serves as a deep sea fishing guide in Florida four months during the winter and is a resort fishing guide in Wisconsin for three months during the summer. Paraplegia does not deter him one bit from his greatest love. **RONALD L. SMOOT** — is a full time Instructor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of engineering, University of Illinois. Ronnie is also engaged in considerable research work. **TONY SOKOL** — is still working for the federal government in Maplewood, Missouri. The Sokol family now numbers six. **WAYNE SPAER** — is in the Accounting Department of Perlman Paper Company, Chicago, Illinois. **FRED SPRINGE** — is Sub-Group Head of Logical Design Group, Navy Tactical Data System, (research mathematician) Hughes Aircraft Company, Fullerton, California. Fred has also been made Manager of the Garden Groves Bears Wheelchair Basketball Team. The Springe's now have three children—Deborah, Fred, Jr. and Barbara Del. **GEORGE STEINMAN** — with his wife Laurie has a successful business in Davenport, Iowa. The business is under the name of Laurencolyn. In addition, wife Laurie is studying chiropractic. The Steinmans have three children, George Rene, 7; Ivy Lyn, 5; Holly Laure, 8 months. George is doing considerable work with the Paralyzed Veterans of America. **DONALD STEINMETZ** — is now serving his professional internship in vocational rehabilitation counselling at the Medical School, Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri. He has completed his Master's in Rehabilitation Counselling. **JAMES W. STEWART** — is Director of Vocational Agriculture and Agriculture Education in the public school system in Mattoon, Illinois. Via the grapevine we hear that he has been given another very responsible position. The Stewarts now have three children, **GUY STONE** — is self-employed as an insurance agent. **JOHN STORER** — is an Administrator of the Chicago Park District, and continues to be active in the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the National Paraplegic Foundation. **WILLIAM SUMMERS** — is teaching Art at Mich. State University. **DORIS JEAN SUTTON** — is now Mrs. Harmon Groth. The Groths now have daughter Barbara Jean and a son, James Edward. Doris serves as Secretary of the Kankakee County March of Dimes and is very active in other civic affairs when family responsibilities permit. **DONALD W. SWIFT** — is Personnel Officer, Department of Non-Academic Personnel, University of Illinois, Urbana. Don has recently remarried and has purchased a beautiful ranch home adjacent to the University of Illinois Golf Course in Savoy, Illinois. Don continues to serve as President of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. and as President of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. **LYSANDER THOMPSON** — now Dr. Thompson and is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Minnesota. **ED TICHENOR** — is Teacher of American History and World History, Magnolia-Swaney High School, McNabb, Illi-

nois. **JOHN W. TORRANCE, JR.** — the first student to graduate in the relatively new curriculum of medical technical writing continues to serve admirably with the Phibbs Advertising Firm in Chicago, Illinois, specialists in medical advertising. Grapevine tells us Jack is in line for another promotion. Jack and his wife Lillian are both doing very well. **LEAH MAE TRIXELL** — now Mrs. Charles Tagg, is no longer teaching in Gifford, Illinois but is, instead, working for the Anderson Physical Laboratories, Champaign, Illinois. Hubby, Chuck, is an Insurance investigator. **MARY TRAUTMAN** — is Supervisor of Children's Play at Notre Dame de la Protection in Canada where she also has certain administrative responsibilities. **TOM TULLY** — has returned to Hawaii, the land of everlasting vacation, following the completion of his Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. No word since his return to Hawaii.

ROBERT E. UNDERWOOD — Manager of the National Association of Educational Broadcasting Network, with headquarters at the University of Illinois. Bob and wife Nancy recently built a home in Champaign, with plenty of room for son David Michael to romp.

FRANCIS L. VERDUN — is Principal of Dakota Community Unit High School, Rock City, Illinois. **PHYLLIS VOY** — is a Counselor in the Women's Residence Hall System and pursuing graduate studies in physiology. **SHELDON WACHLER** — no word of late. Shelley is married, working in Detroit, Michigan and studying law on the side. **KENNETH C. WAGONER** — is a Dispatcher for the Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation, Hoopeston, Illinois. Ken and wife Ruth now have two boys, Robert and John. Ken was elected Honorary Captain of the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights Wheelchair Basketball Team. **DON WAILE** — according to the grapevine is working in Michigan.

MARSHALL WALL — is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Illinois. **ROBERT L. WALLER** — is Staff Engineer and Assistant to the Department Manager, Engineering Department, Hughes Aircraft Corporation. Bob is now married and he and wife, Pat, have three children; Maureen, 10; Timmie Ann, 9; and Bob, 4. Bob and Pat have their own home in Torrance, California. Bob reports everyone is healthy and happy; he likes his work and he likes California. It is good to hear from him after so many years. **BETTY JANE WENZ** — is now Assistant Dean of Students, Chico State College, Chico, California. Betty followed her Bachelor's Degree with a Master's Degree in June of 1959. **EDGAR WHITEHEAD** — continues as Supervisor of the Fiscal Department of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City. Ed is still a bachelor and this we cannot understand. May be he is too particular. **JACK WHITMAN** — is presently Sales Representative for Radio Station WDWS, Champaign, Illinois. Jack is also an officer in Wheelchairs, Inc., sponsors of the Black Knight's Wheelchair Basketball Team. Jack and wife "Jan" are enjoying their home and their many extra-curricular activities. **RONALD A. WIEDNER** — is now Dr. Ronald A. Wiedner and maintains his own practice in Optometry in Highland, Illinois. **BRUCE B. WEIMER** — is an Accountant with the Co-operative Elevator Company, Delavan, Illinois. **PATRICIA ANN WIGGINS** — is receptionist at Providence High School, Chicago, Illinois. Pat is also engaged in the activities of the National Foundation, and other civic groups. **WILLIAM C. WILKIN** — is an Accountant with Tee-Pak, Inc., manufacturers of food packaging products, Cicero, Illinois. Bill is now married. His wife's name is Marie. **TOM WILLIAMS** — is pursuing graduate studies at Southern Illinois University. **LELAND WISE** — is a top level with Eisner-Jewel Food Company. Lee had a brief period of hospitalization during which time he under-

went surgery this past year, but he is feeling and looking exceptionally good again. Lee, his wife Joan, daughter Ann, are all healthy and happy. **ELLSWORTH WOLF** — one of the original gang at the Galesburg Division is Owner and Manager of Twin City Yellow Cab Company and also the National Car Rentals in Rock Falls, Illinois. He is now married to Kathleen and they have three children; Pamela, 7; Ellsworth, 5; and Douglas, 3. **ALLAN WOLFSON** — is now Counselor and Home Teacher of the Blind, Illinois Department of Welfare, Chicago, Illinois. **JAMES WOLFE** — is doing his professional internship in vocational rehabilitation counselling at the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation following completion of his Master's degree. **JOAN WOLL** — is now, and has been for many years, Mrs. Leland Wise. Joan devotes all of her time to daughter and husband and maintaining their beautiful home in southeast Urbana. **ARNOLD WOLOCHUK** — is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. **LAWRENCE WOS** — Ph.D. in Mathematics — is a Mathematician for Argonne National Laboratories in Lamont, Illinois. We hear that he and wife Nancy are doing very well. **ROBERT WRIGHT** — is Counselor of the Blind, Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Illinois Department of Welfare, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. **ANTON (TONY) WYPYCH** — is an Architect with an architectural and structural firm in Lake Forest, Illinois.

JOHN (SANDY) YOUNG — got adventurous a year or so ago and resigned his position

as Structural Engineer with the Mississippi Structural Steel Company in Melrose Park, Illinois and with his wife, Sandy, migrated to the Southwest. He and another alumnus, Ray Hunt, formed their own architectural firm in Phoenix, Arizona. I understand they are progressing very favorably in their new endeavors. John and Sandy are very active in civic and church affairs and are enjoying their new home. **RONALD R. (GABBY) YOUNG** — and his wife continue to make their home in Lincoln, Illinois. He is Accountant at Lincoln Store Fixtures. The Youngs have a little boy, Clark William, new house. He was on the Black Knights this past season.

Any omissions or oversight are due to the fact that we have not heard from alumni directly or indirectly in the past twelve months. If some information is outdated it is for the same reason. Each year alumni write asking about alumni. Each year some alumni want specific addresses for other alumni so that they might correspond. Each year things are happening on campus or elsewhere that we think our alumni would and should be interested in. We are anxious to hear from all alumni and former students. We want to keep them posted about developments on campus and elsewhere. Recently a monthly newsletter "The Spokesman", has been developed. This, too, will be sent to alumni if we know of their addresses. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU CHOOSE, AND PLEASE SEND US YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS.



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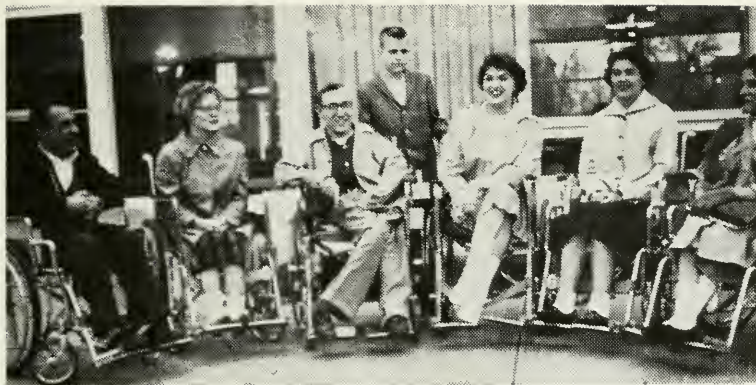
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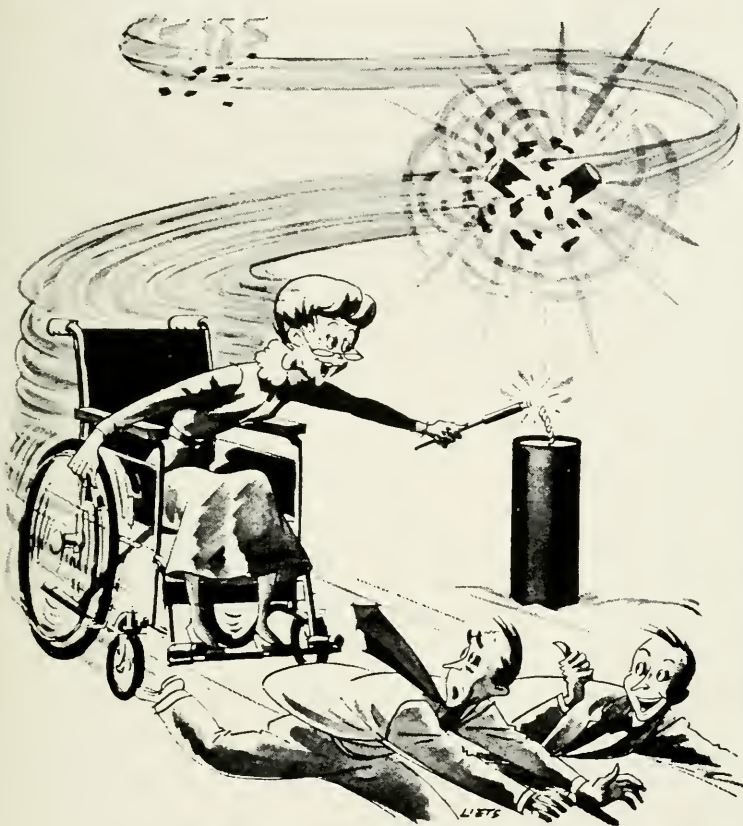
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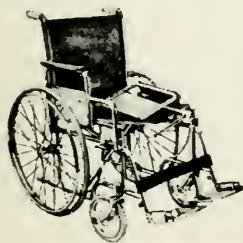
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